(b) Yes. They were given whatever treatment they were entitled to under the Rules, as regards simple imprisonment prisoners.

Water-cess for new reclamations.

268. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(i) the rate of water-cess for new reclamations (double crop lands);

(ii) the rate collected from the British tenants ;

(iii) whether water is given without cess for any in the British territory for taking water along his land to the neighbouring land which pays the cess ;

(iv) if so, what is the extent of the land that pays and the land that does not pay ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(i) Rs. 7½ per acre.

(ii) No water is supplied for new reclamations of lands to British tenants.

(iii) No.

(iv) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to sub division (iii).

New accretion paddy fields in Narakkal and Nayarambalam.

269. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state, if it has received a petition from the paddy field-holders of Narakkal and Nayarambalam praying that the assessment on the new accretion paddy fields may be reduced ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No petition seems to have been received.

270. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the nature of the order, if any, passed on the petition ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No answer is necessary in view of the reply to question No. 269 above.

271. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Agricultural Department has done anything to see, if those lands could be made to yield any return? If not, why not ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No The department has had no requisition from any ryot to conduct any experiment on the lands.

272. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—In view of the condition of these lands, will the Government be pleased to order the Agricultural Department to conduct some experiments on a small plot of such land to serve as an object lesson to the people ?

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